

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 308

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Katrina Carter and the Hillsboro High School Lady Burros Basketball team on winning the 2008-2009 TSSAA Division I-AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro High School Lady Burros basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2008-2009 TSSAA Division I-AAA Basketball State Tournament Championship, posting an outstanding record of thirty-five wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, advancing to the State Tournament Championship game on March 16, 2009, at Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Hillsboro High School captured the Division I-AAA State Girls Basketball Championship for the first time in school history in a thrilling 62-61 triumph over Memphis Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Burros are led by Head Coach Katrina Carter, a former Hillsboro Lady Burro in her first year as head coach, who was voted by her peers as Head Coach of the Year in Division I-AAA for District 11 and named Midstate Coach of the Year by *The Tennessean*; and

WHEREAS, vanquishing LaVergne, 82-62, at the Sectional level to advance to the State Tournament, the Lady Burros rebounded from a four-point deficit at half-time to demolish Knoxville Powell in the first round by a score of 65-45, and then defeated Memphis Overton, 56-46, in the semi-finals with three Lady Burros posting double-doubles to advance to their first Division I Class AAA State Championship final; and

WHEREAS, trailing Memphis Central by one point with just 5.8 seconds remaining, the Lady Burros held their breath as a last-second desperation shot by Jessica Pace bounced around the rim before falling through the hoop and clinching the victory; and

WHEREAS, the first team to win a girls' state basketball championship from Metro Nashville since 1980, Hillsboro High School set a new record in State Tournament play for most rebounds through out the tournament with a total of 135; and

WHEREAS, Lady Burro small forward and senior Jessica Pace was selected as the Division I-AAA Most Valuable Player for the State Tournament and named to the All-Tournament, All-Regional, and All-District Teams as well as the Tennessee All-Star Team representing the West; and

WHEREAS, Lady Burro shooting guard and senior Vacie Perry was named to the State All-Tournament Team, the All-Regional Tournament Team, the All-Region Team, the All-District Tournament Team, and the All-District Team; and

WHEREAS, Lady Burro power forward and junior Lakeisha Crouch was named to the State All-Tournament Team, the All-Regional Tournament Team, and the All-Region Team as well as being selected as the All-District Most Valuable Player and the All-District Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Lady Burro center and sophomore Isabelle Harrison was named to the State All-Tournament Team, the All-Regional Tournament Team, the All-Region Team, the All-District Tournament Team, and the All-District Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are Monique Shelton, Amarah Carter, Gabrielle Garrette, Elizabeth Smith, Deidra Deberry, Theresa Gilbert, Calli Pugh, Angel Rambert, Kearra Holt, Matoria Henley, Rocquel Fuller, Jessica Pace, Vacie Perry, Lakeisha Crouch, and Isabelle Harrison; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Katrina Carter's able leadership, the Hillsboro Lady Burros benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Missy Humphreys, Alan Carter, and Michelle Flowers; Freshman Head Coach Crystal Freeman; and team manager, Soncyia Williams; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Hillsboro High School Lady Burros basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the entire coaching staff and members of the Hillsboro High School Lady Burros Basketball team upon winning the 2008-2009 TSSAA Division I-AAA State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.